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SUBJECT: W/W - DISAPPEARANCE OF MARK JOSEPH KRUETLER

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1. SPANISH POLICE HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT SUSPECT IN DISAPPEARANCE OF MARK JOSEPH KRUTLER, EDUARDO LA PUERTA, HAS BEEN INTERROGATED AND RELEASED PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

2. ACCORDING TO POLICE, IN INTERROGATIONS LA PUERTA INSISTED HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT KRUETLER'S DISAPPEARANCE OR HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. HE STATED THAT HE AND THEIR MUTUAL FRIEND, DOMINIQUE SAINT-ETIENNE, HAD SUDDENLY GONE TO FRANCE THE SAME DAY AS KRUETLER'S DISAPPEARANCE BECAUSE HER FATHER WAS ILL AND HAD HAD AN ATTACK. HE DENIED HE WAS AWARE THERE WAS ANY ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KRUETLER AND SAINT-ETIENNE.

3. POLICE HAVE ALSO INTERROGATED LA PUERTA'S PARENTS, BROTHER AND SISTER, BUT INTERROGATIONS FAILED TO PRODUCE FURTHER CLUES TO KRUETLER'S DISAPPEARANCE OR MAJOR INCONSISTENCIES IN LA PUERTA'S EXPLANATION OF HIS ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING HIS SUDDEN DEPARTURE FOR FRANCE.

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4. U.S. CONSULAR AGENT IN VALENCIA REMAINS IN CLOSE

CONTACT WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING CASE THERE.  
EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER LAST VISITED CHIEF OF CRIMINAL  
INVESTIGATION IN VALENCIA ON APRIL 9 AND AGAIN  
EMPHASIZED STRONG EMBASSY INTEREST IN CASE.

5. SPANISH INTERPOL HAS REQUESTED INTERROGATION OF SAINT-  
ETIENNE, WHO STILL BELIEVED TO BE IN FRANCE, TO COMPARE  
HER ACCOUNT WITH THAT OF LA PUERTA. WHEN RESULTS OF THIS  
INTERROGATION RECEIVED, LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL CONSIDER  
NEXT APPROPRIATE MOVES IN INVESTIGATION.  
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